In and About St. Theresa's Catholic Church - December 2, 2022

PREPARE THE WAY

Father Phil says it's hard during Advent, but even more important, that we slow down, we sit quietly, and we acknowledge God revealed in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the greatest gift that we can have.

Visit the ***In Touch Playlist*** where you can find Father Phil's weekly messages.

St. Theresa's YouTube

You are not alone! All are welcome to come home to receive God's grace, to unify with Him, and let the sacrament of the Eucharist live in you.

Join Us

WHY IS ADVENT THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR?
Deacon Larry Vaclavik explains why the liturgical year is different from the calendar year.

Reflection Questions

1. Why do we mistakenly think Advent is a heavy penitential season?
2. What do we reflect on during Advent?
3. Do we bring the spirit of joy and friendship during Advent?

Stay tuned! There is a new episode every Thursday. Follow reNEWed on ***iTunes, Spotify, Anchor, Player FM***, or ***Pocket Casts***.

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT ADVENT?

The world today is obsessed with the thought that we can save ourselves. People often look to politics, self-help books, diet, or exercise thinking these things can "save us".

Advent responds with a resounding, "No". No, we cannot save ourselves. Only the Lord can save us.

At the heart of the season of Advent is the idea that we need God, we need his coming, his presence, and his salvation.

This Advent, look for ways to surrender your life more fully to Christ. Look for ways to prepare your heart and invite the Lord into it.

Questions:

- What are some ways you are tempted to try and "save yourself"?
- When overwhelmed with trouble, where do you go for help and comfort?
- How can you approach the Lord during troubling times?

Omni Hotel Houston
Friday, April 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are now available
https://sttheresa.cc/2023gala

UNDERWRITERS AND HELP

Be an Underwriter and help us make the annual Gala and Auction a success with an underwriting gift! Underwriting opportunities start at $300.

All underwriters will be recognized in the auction catalog and on signage at the event. Printed material (bidder paddles $300, Menu $500, catalog $1,000), decor $2,000, raffle $2,500, emcee and hosting services $5,000, technology $5,000, venue $10,000. For more details about the Gala and Auction, reach out to the Gala Planning Committee at ***auction@sttheresa.cc.***

Underwriters

IN THE STEPS OF THE NORTHERN SAINTS AND BEYOND
October 9 – 20, 2023

Fr. Phil invites you to the UK, the country of his birth to experience with him Edinburgh, Walsingham, Durham, York, and London. Spend a night at Ushaw, the college Fr. Phil attended!

First come, first serve basis early registration is highly recommended!

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For further information, please contact: **Enrique Benitez** at 713-869-3783 or ***e.benitez@sttheresa.cc***

Details and Registration

SEASON OF HOPE 2022

St Theresa is pleased to announce its annual seasonal charity, Season of Hope, starting on **November 19th.** This year, you are invited to be the hope for our neighbors in need by providing the requested items written on the colorful ornament cards in the narthex. Items can also be purchased off our Amazon wishlist and shipped directly to our church.

Amazon Wishlist

GIVING AND RECEIVING CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY

Share and listen to stories from people whose lives were changed or are still being changed through giving and receiving Sunday hospitality.

December 4th, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

Please feel free to directly borrow any book from the library and returned it when you finish. If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact **Claudia Blanco** at ***c.blanco@sttheresa.cc***.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Children are invited to join the Liturgy of the Word on **Sunday, December 4th and 11th, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Red Room.** Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades Pre-K through 2nd.

Please contact **Kendall Sole** at ***k.sole@sttheresa.cc*** for more information or in helping with this ministry.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Ministry

NOW FORMING

On December 3rd and 4th after all masses, a support group leader will be in the narthex with more information about this group.

The purpose of this group goes beyond a typical Alzheimer's Association support group discussion. Our focus will be the dimension of support and care for our loved ones, preserving their dignity within their mental and spiritual consciousness.

If you are a caregiver interested in participating, please get in touch with the Church office at **713-869-3783** or our support group leader, **Linden Price** at **281-217-0549** or ***LHP346@gmail.com.***

Fall/Winter Concert

PITCH. RHYTHM. ENSEMBLE.

"The Houston Youth String Orchestra" led by Houston Symphony violinist and fellow parishioner of St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kurt Johnson, will be presenting their

fall/winter season concert in the St. Theresa Catholic Church sanctuary on **Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.** The concert will be approximately 1 hour in length and will consist of works by Mozart, Gershwin, and Purcell, among others.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The Houston Youth String Orchestra recently began its 5th season as "The String Orchestra for the Youth of Texas." HYSO consists of an advanced beginner/intermediate orchestra led by Quan Jiang (Concert Orchestra) and an advanced orchestra led by Kurt Johnson (Philharmonic Orchestra).

We hope to see you there!

Learn more about the orchestra here: ***https://www.hyso.info/***

Focolare

LET'S BRING BABY JESUS BACK TO CHRISTMAS

Prepare Baby Jesus figurines on **Sunday, December 4th, after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Fellowship Hall.**

A project organized by Focolare (Work of Mary).

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Golf Tournament

Thank You.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On **Friday, December 9th,** St. Theresa Catholic School will host its Annual Viking Cup Golf Tournament at Lakes Course-Wildcat Golf Club.

8:00 a.m Check-in

9:00 a.m. Shotgun

There are several sponsorship opportunities available. All proceeds from the tournament support St. Theresa Catholic School and the School Tuition Assistance Program.

If you have questions about the tournament or

Viking Cup School Golf Tournament

sponsorship, send an email to the committee at ***thevikingcup@sttheresa.cc***.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Monday, December 12
5:00 p.m. Holy Rosary (Spanish) in the sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Procession with mariachi departs from the sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)
7:30 p.m. Reception after Mass in the Fellowship Hall

Hospitality Breakfast

GIVING AND RECEIVING CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY
The JOY (Just Older Youth) Group will be sponsoring Hospitality Sunday on **December 18, after the 10:00 Mass** in appreciation of your support throughout the year. The group is also hurrying making a special treat for each child.
Please come and join us. For more information about this event, please contact **Claudia Blanco** at ***c.blanco@sttheresa.cc*** or call **713-869-3783**.

Knights of Columbus

TAMALE SALE

Support St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, December 18th**, by buying USDA-certified facility tamales for $15 a dozen, **after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until 12:00 p.m. in the Narthex**.

For more information please call **Austin P. Joyce** at **713-202-7077.**

SUPPORT OUR PARISH MISSION

In the Gospel of Luke he says “Who is my neighbor?” As a faith community, we continue, to walk in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. From the foundation of our parish, a priority has been placed on answering Jesus’ call to us to “love our neighbor.” Thank you for continuing to respond faithfully and generously to our neighbors in need. St. Theresa Parish is a special place because of the people who care, the people who give, and the people who share in life and worship.

Support our church today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account. Click the button to get started.

Online Giving/Mass Collection

St. Theresa MEMORIAL PARK

Who is my neighbor? Luke 10:29

NAME

ADDRESS (REQUIRED) CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER ❍ HOME ❍ CELL EMAIL ADDRESS (ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)

Here is my/our annual gift total to St. Theresa Catholic Church of $_____.

Choose Schedule: ❍ One Time Gift $_____ Enclosed.

❍ Weekly ❍ Monthly ❍ Quarterly $_____ Paid through _____.

You may also pledge or give online: https://sttheresa.churchgiving.com

St. Theresa Catholic Church and School

Who is my neighbor? Luke 10:29

Credit Card: ❍ Visa ❍ MasterCard ❍ Discover ❍ AMEX

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BANK ROUTING NUMBER ACCT. NUMBER

Make a Planned Gift

Make a legacy gift for the future needs of **St. Theresa Catholic Church - Memorial Park.**

❍ I/We have included **St. Theresa Catholic Church - Memorial Park** in my (our) will or estate plans ***OR***

❍ I/We would like to learn more about how to leave a legacy gift to **St. Theresa Catholic Church - Memorial Park.** Please contact me.

For more information, contact our parish office 713-869-3783

Thank you for your consideration

Please fill out both FRONT and BACK portions of this card

MEALS ON WHEELS

On **December 10th and 11th** we will have a Second Collection for Meals on Wheels at all the Masses. Interfaith Ministries' meals on Wheels for Greater Houston and Galveston County program provides home-delivered meals to over 7,300 homebound seniors and adults with disabilities. This nutritional support helps people stay independent in their homes. Our support is vital, particularly during these times of inflation and uncertainty. Every little bit helps. There will also be information available on all of their services and how you can help as a volunteer. Look for the Meals on Wheels truck is parked outside as a reminder!

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Little Flowers is an opportunity to make friends, pray, sing songs, and share about our Catholic faith, and how true, beautiful and fun it is. We will also eat snacks and play on the playground. St. Therese called herself "God's Little Flower," so we place ourselves under her patronage using this name.

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us on the **first Friday of every month from 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

The next meeting will take place on Friday, January 6th.

Please contact **Kendall Sole** at ***k.sole@sttheresa.cc*** for more information.

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Are you a senior looking for social engagement opportunities? St. Theresa Senior Luncheon offers interaction with others, meaningful time, involvement in the community, and mental health.

Connect with others and meet new friends at this monthly senior luncheon on **Tuesday, January 10th, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** All seniors are invited.

For more information, please send an email to Claudia Blanco at ***c.blanco@sttheresa.cc*** or call **713-869-3783.**

WELCOME THE STRANGER AMONG US: UNITY IN DIVERSITY
NATIONAL CONFERENCE CATHOLIC BISHOPS 2020

What would you do if you had to flee your country because of war or religious persecution?

The Catholic Network led by The NCCB is responsible for resettling almost 20 percent of all refugees in the United States.

Please join the Social Justice in Action Ministry Team as we explore together the reality of the migrants and refugees with a panel of local citizens working on this issue.

It will be Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

"You shall love the stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt"
Deuteronomy 10:18

Mondays January 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Beginning this January St. Theresa will serve as a host parish for Formation Towards Christian Ministry. FTCM is a 3-semester adult formation program conducted by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Over the 3 semesters, participants will cover Catholic Beliefs, Catholic Spirituality, Catholic Church History, Liturgy and Sacraments, and Scripture (Old and New Testament).

For this semester participants at St. Theresa will cover Introduction to Scripture, Old Testament, New Testament, and Bible Spirituality.

To register or for more information please visit

https://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm

Courses

REGISTER NOW

Join the St. Theresa team on **Saturday, February 11, 2023,** see you on race day! Registration fees and donations directly benefit the students of St. Theresa Catholic School. Join our team (select St. Theresa – Houston).

If you have any questions about this event please contact the **Steps for Students Committee** at ***steps4students@sttheresa.cc***,

Sign up and donations

THE HOMEBOUND MINISTRY IS LOOKING TO REACH NEW PEOPLE

Several Homebound parishioners whom we were visiting have died in the past 2 years. If you know other sick or homebound parishioners who would like to receive weekly Communion, we would like to know about them. Please call the church office at **713-869-3783** or send an email to ***info@sttheresa.cc.***

PRAYING IN THE MOMENT OF NEED

The Rosary is a very special prayer that has been requested by Our Blessed Mother for peace in the world and the conversion of all people to Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. **The Rosary for Peace is held in the Church at 6:40 a.m. on Fridays prior to the 7:00 a.m. Mass.** Volunteer to lead the Rosary for Peace by contacting **Stuart Greene** at ***SGreene@wm.com*** or **713-836-0050.**

READING THE WORD OF GOD

If you want to participate in this ministry, please contact **Father Phil** after mass. For more information about lectors, please go to ***https://sttheresa.cc/lectors*** or send an email to ***info@sttheresa.cc***.

This week the following parishioners will be reading at mass:

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Chris Favre (1)
Richard McCarty (2)

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Kenneth Yanowski (1)
Donna Yanowski (2)

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Elizabeth Bixby (1)
Confirmation Group (2)

Register today

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3RD

Saturday, December 3rd
5:00 p.m.
† Sidney Arbour IV
† Logan Bush
† Terry Martis

Sunday, December 4th
10:00 a.m.
Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
5:30 p.m.
† Steven and Mulvelhil Family
† Robert C. Torres
† Ed Kowis

Monday, December 5th
7:00 a.m.
† Norman Chersky

Tuesday, December 6th
7:00 a.m.
† Robert Barber
† John Brophy

Wednesday, December 7th
7:00 a.m.
† Hazel, Harold, William,
Eve and Deborah Vicknair

† Logan Bush

Thursday, December 8th
7:00 a.m.
† Joe Tusa
12:10 p.m.
† Julia Slade
6:30 p.m.
Mauvelynene Henry
Friday, December 9th
7:00 a.m.
† Robert Braun

If you like to request a mass intention please go to ***https://secure.qgiv.com/for/sthe/event/781517/***

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS
St. Theresa's Altar flowers depend upon donors who sponsor the flowers. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement with a donation of $75 in memory of a loved one, a celebration of an anniversary, a First Holy Communion or Confirmation, a birthday, or any special event.

Please contact **Mary-Ann Virgilio** at **352-212-2961** or at ***maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc*** to place your request two weeks in advance.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SERVE OTHERS
St. Theresa will be volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen on 2009 Congress Street, Houston, Texas 77002

8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 16th.
Volunteers will help prepare and package a hot meal and then distribute about 300 to-go boxes to the homeless. Volunteers must be 15 years or older.
To find out more, contact **Claudia Blanco** at ***c.blanco@sttheresa.cc*** or **346-335-1813**.

ST. THERESA'S PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS
The parish will continue practicing safe health actions for all parishioners, visitors, and friends of St. Theresa.

- Masks are recommended
- Hand sanitizer will be available by the narthex doors
- All pews will be available for use
- Distribution of the Precious Blood is still suspended.
- Reception of the Holy Eucharist may be received on the tongue, or in the hand
- We will continue to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace and from holding hands during the Our Father
- Collection baskets will be available at the beginning and end of Mass
- We will continue to disinfect the church after each Mass

We thank you for showing care, love, and compassion for others. Let's continue praying for the end of this pandemic, for those who are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, and for those who suffer the loss of a loved one.

Please find Cardinal DiNardo's ***announcement here*** on new modifications to current COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

The obligation to attend mass has been reinstated. You can read more in Daniel Cardinal DiNardo's letter to the faithful.
https://bit.ly/2022MassObligation

Dispensation or freedom from the obligation to attend Sunday or a Holy Day of obligation is still granted according to Canon 1248 to those who are ill, are of advanced age, caring for a sick person, have underlying health concerns, or are at high risk for contracting COVID-19.

If you are not able to attend due to one of these conditions please consider streaming the liturgy or some other form of prayer.

https://www.sttheresa.cc/online-mass or on our ***Youtube channel***.

GIVING BEYOND ST. THERESA

GIVING AS A CATHOLIC BEYOND ST. THERESA
The following link contains some agencies that are worthy of support should you be looking beyond the parish itself to share some of your financial blessings.
https://sttheresa.cc/giving-beyond

ASL INTERPRETED MASS

Saturday, January 14th, 5 p.m. at St. Dominic Village, Warren Chapel.
2401 Holcomb Blvd, 77021
All are welcome, no registration is required. Masks must be worn inside the chapel.
For more information, contact **Melissa Alvarez 713-741-8798**

EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Prince of Peace Catholic Church will host noted theologians Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma for a one-day Eucharistic conference on **Saturday, December 10**.
The cost for this event is only $35.
Gather your ministry teams and make plans to attend! Click below for more information.
https://stpaulcenter.com/houston2022

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** ***www.aa.org***
- **American Red Cross:** ***redcross.org***
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** ***www.cdc.gov***
- **Christian Community Service Center:** ***www.ccschouston.org***
- **Counseling (Grief, Family, etc.):** ***www.catholiccharities.org***
- **Domestic Violence:** ***thebridgeovertroubledwaters.org***
- **Families of Addicts:** ***al-anon.org/***
- **Houston Police:** If you have a life-threatening emergency, call **911**. Non Emergencies: ***https://www.houstontx.gov/police***
- **Narcotics Anonymous (NA):** ***www.na.org***
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Center:** ***suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat***
- **Overeaters Anonymous (OA):** ***www.oahouston.org***

- **Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA)**: ***saa-recovery.org***
- **Texas Department of Family and Protective Services** ***www.txabusehotline.org***
- **United Way of Greater Houston:** ***www.unitedwayhouston.org***

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